(e) if so, whether such visits are to be made by individual members of the Committee or by the Committee as a body?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Till recently the Committees were electing their own Presidents who were mostly the Presidents of the respective Panchayats. According to a recent order the Presidents are to be nominated by Government.

(c) Ordinarly the Panchayat Presidents were convening the meetings. Now the Field Officers convene the meetings in the rural areas within their respective jurisdictions.

(d) Yes.

(e) The members of the Committee can visit the shops either individually or in a body.

Mrs. Thankamma N. Menon (*Women-Ernakulam*): May I know the reason why the Committee was not given the option to elect its own President.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): The procedure there was for the members to elect at each meeting its own President. It was thought that a permanent President may be appointed so that he may be entrusted with the arrangements for the working of the Committee.

Mr. P. P. Devassy (*Trichur-South*): Cannot a permanent President be elected or nominated by the Committee?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*): Yes. It can be done.

307. **Mr. T. P. Poulose** (*Kanayannur*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether there are Presidents for Village Food Advisory Committees at Mulanthuruthi and Amballur in Cochin-Kanayannur Taluk;

(b) if so, who they are;

(c) how many meetings of those Committees were convened in the year 1119 and 1120 respectively?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(a) Yes.

(b) Rev. L. John, Palakkat for Mulanthuruthi and
Mr. K. V. Itten, B.A., for Amballur.

(c) One meeting in each village was convened in 1119. No meeting was held in 1120.

HOARDING AND PROFITEERING PREVENTION

308. **Mr P Narayana Menon** (*Trippunittura*): Will Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the number of persons employed in the "Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention work" and the monthly expenditure involved;

(b) how long have they been working;

(c) the number of prosecutions launched by them so far;

(d) the number of persons convicted?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul (*Director of Food Supplies*):

(a) 39 persons; Rs. 1,465—1—0

(b) A special staff was sanctioned on 29th May 1944 and it was subsequently strengthened on 3rd November 1944.

(c) 14 up to 16th January 1945.

(d) Nil

MR. V. CHANDRA SEKHARAN, CHIEF INSPECTING OFFICER—OBSTRUCTION TO GO THROUGH PALIAM ROAD IN CHENNAMANGALAM

309 **Mr. K. S. Panicker** (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*):

താഴെ പറയുന്ന ചോദ്യങ്ങൾക്ക ഗവൺമെണ്ട് സദയം മറുപടി പറയുമോ.—

(എ) ഇൻറിപ്രോഫിറ്റീറിങ്ങ് ആഫീസർ മിസ്റ്റർ വി. ചന്ദ്രശേഖരൻ, ബി. എ. ബി. എൽ., ചേന്ദമംഗലത്തു് പാലിയം റോഡിലുള്ള ചില ഷാപ്പുകൾ പരിശോധിപ്പാൻ ചെന്നിരുന്ന അവസരത്തിൽ തീണ്ടൽ ജാതിക്കാരനാണ് അദ്ദേഹം എന്ന പറഞ്ഞു പ്രസ്തുത റോഡിൽക്കൂടി വഴി നടക്കുവാനോ ഷാപ്പുകൾ പരിശോധിക്കുവാനോ പാലിയവും സ്ഥല

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